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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/500,509	Applicant(s) HAVERLAG ET AL.	
	Examiner Vip Patel	Art Unit 2879	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In lines 12-14 of claim 1, applicant claims second pole being shaped to minimize magnetic field at the location of the discharge vessel. It is not clear as to what pole shape exactly the applicant is claiming. The shape of the pole is not defined/clear. Claims 2-9 are included in the rejection due to their dependency on rejected base claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over admitted prior art and JP 405211056A.

An admitted prior art, in first paragraph of specification, discloses a discharge lamp comprising an outer bulb with a lamp cap, a discharge vessel, electrodes, a first pole and a second pole for electric connection between the lamp cap and the electrodes, and part of the second pole being laterally positioned.

The admitted prior art does not teach the second pole to be unilaterally positioned. However, in the same field of endeavor, reference JP 405211056A discloses such a

discharge lamp having second pole (15) having unilateral part (looped part 15) with respect to the discharge vessel for the purpose of reducing magnetic field. Thus, it would have been obvious, at the time the invention was made, to a person having ordinary skill in the art to provide looped second pole as taught by JP 405211056A reference in the admitted prior art device for the purpose of reducing magnetic field.

As per claim 2, the second pole (15) of JP 405211056A reference has number of successive part (looped parts: see figure 1).

As per claim 3, since all the physical limitations or elements in identical shape are disclosed by the above reference, the second pole inherently generates magnetic field in two directions.

As per claim 4, the shortest distance between two parts (one closer to discharge vessel and one farther to discharge vessel) and discharge vessel are different.

As per claims 6-9, The limitations such as metal halide, diffuse layer, fluorescent layer are not deemed patentable since the applicant's disclosure fails to show such limitations to solve any problems or to yield any unobvious advantage that is not within the scope of the teachings applied. Therefore, such limitations would be a matter of design alternative. Alternatively, discharge lamp having metal halide fill, diffusing layer, and fluorescent layer are notoriously known in the art for proper and efficient operation of a discharge lamp. Therefore, providing of such elements would be common.

Other Prior Art Cited

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

JP 401231257A discloses a discharge lamp having a first and second pole.

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Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vip Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-2458. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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